Setting up of Youth Hostels

773. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Youth Hostels are built to promote youth travel and to enable the youth to experience the cultural heritage of our country; and

(b) if so, the details of youth hostels proposed to be set up in the tribal areas for the promotion of cultural heritage of tribals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M. S. GILL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of youth hostels which are being set up for the promotion of cultural heritage in tribal areas, are as under:

S. No.	State	Location of the Youth Hostel	Amount Approved (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Roing	183.51
2.	Manipur	(i) Thoubal	186.58
		(ii) Churachandpur	202.50

Promotion of traditional/indigenous games

774. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether specific policies have been formulated to preserve and promote traditional/indigenous games;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of traditional/indigenous games identified for the purpose, State-wise; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated and measures taken for the promotion and development of sports infrastructure in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M. S. GILL): (a) and (b) The existing schemes of Government of India and Sports Authority of India (SAI) lay adequate focus on the promotion of traditional and indigenous games.

Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), the sports federations dealing with indigenous/traditional games such as Archery, Chess, Kho-Kho, Tug of War, Kabaddi, Wrestling etc. have been given Government recognition, and are provided with financial assistance for the promotional and developmental activities in their respective disciplines.

(c) The details of financial assistance to the sports federations dealing with indigenous/traditional games under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs during the last three years are given below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Archery Association of India	51.75	94.68	81.67
2.	All India Chess Federation	78.94	112.46	239.94

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Atya Patya Federation of India	12.00	15.50	8.50
4.	Kho-Kho Federation of India	12.00	2.00	0.00
5.	Indian Hockey (Men) Federation	96.46	92.09	125.18
6.	Indian Hockey (Women) Federation	78.81	111.64	191.65
7.	Indian Amateur Kabaddi Federation	24.69	13.95	25.68
8.	Tug of War Federation of India	11.50	20.75	3.50
9.	Wrestling Federation of India	209.82	32.58	6.15

In addition to above, the SAI also operates specific schemes for promotion and development of traditional/indigenous games. Under the National Sports Talent Contest Scheme, SAI has adopted 27 schools, provides comprehensive support to the identified athletes, in terms of training and participations in competitions. SAI also operates Special Area Games Scheme, which are specifically aimed at promoting local sporting talent in tribal areas.

For the promotion and development of sports infrastructure in rural areas, the Government has recently launched a national programme titled Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), which aims at providing basic sports infrastructure in all villages and block panchayats in a phased manner over a period of 10 years and access to organized sports competitions at village and block panchayat level. The scheme lays special emphasis on promotion of traditional and indigenous games.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Notifications of the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways.

II. Report (2007-2008) of the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd., Mumbai and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): Sir, I lay on the Table:-

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways (Department of Shipping) Notification under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963.

(1) G-27038/1/98-TAMP dated the 19th February, 2008, regarding de-notification of the Tariff Authority for Major Ports (Provident fund) Regulations, 2001.

(2) G.S.R 578 (E) dated the 5th August, 2008, publishing the corrigendum to the notification G.S.R. 49 (E), dated, the 3rd February, 2006, by substituting certain entries in the original notification. [Placed in Library for (1) & (2), *See* No. L.T. 9354/08]